

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Mike's Thursday Mallbag
 Dear Mike: Why didn't Joe and I attend the funeral of my brother, Hal Le Sueur? I was on the day he was buried. I didn't think it was my place. — Dorothy Samuels, West Orange, N.J.

Dear Dorothy: Joan and Hal haven't spoken for years, even after he joined Alcoholics

Symphony Prepares Concert

Julius Palange, music director of the Beach Cities Symphony will present the symphony and three professional soloists in the final concert of the season Friday at Mira Costa Auditorium in Manhattan Beach. Appearing as soloists will be Maria Martino, soprano; Rodolfo Castillo, baritone; and Giovanni Zavatti, tenor. Miss Martino, a graduate of Cincinnati College of Music, has appeared as soloist in the Hollywood Bowl, with the American Opera Co. and the Los Angeles Lyric Opera Co. In addition to appearing with various southland symphonies, Rodolfo Castillo, baritone, studied music in South America as well as the United States. He has performed with the National Symphony of Mexico, the Civic Opera Co. of Los Angeles, the Burbank Symphony and the Highland Park Symphony.

APPEARING FOR the third time with the symphony is Giovanni Zavatti. He appeared as a Pinkerton in last year's production of "Madam Butterfly." Zavatti has traveled in the United States with the La Scala Opera Co. and has also toured Canada, Mexico and South America. In addition, he records singing parts which are "dubbed" into movies.

The program will be as follows: "Rosamunde Overture," Franz Schubert; "The Maids of Callisto," Leo Delibes; "Vesta La Guaba" from Pagliacci, Ruggero Leoncavallo; "Nedda-Solo Duet" from Pagliacci, Leoncavallo; "Blue Danube Waltz," Strauss; "Concertino," Celeste Chaminade; "Evening Star" from Tannhauser, Wagner; "Cavalleria Duet Santuzza and Turridu," Mascagni; "Trio from Il Trovatore," Verdi; and the "Tannhauser Overture," Wagner.

MUSICIAN DOROTHY Bailey, a long-time member of the westward section of the symphony will perform the "Concerto" by Chaminade.

The concert is under the joint sponsorship of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Los Angeles County Music Commission, and a grant from the Recording Industries Trust Fund of the American Federation of Musicians, Local 47, to the Beach Cities Symphony Assn.

There will be no admission charge. Further information is available through Jeanne Jefferson, orchestra manager, at FR 4-2670.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disabling, progressive disease of the central nervous system. Prevention and cure remain unknown.

anonymous to cure himself of ailment that had alienated them.

Sir: What is the top price anybody's been paid for a single appearance on television?

Dear Norm: Liz Taylor will get it when she collects \$500,000 for the special she'll do in London — IF she decides to do it. That's just about twice as much as anyone else has ever gotten. What's holding her back? The sneers of Londoners who've been asking her how she can conduct a tour of London when all she's seen of it are its movie studios and inside of its pubs.

Dear Mike: Is it true that Jane Mansfield is padded? — Joseph R. Florio, Boston, Mass.

Dear Joseph: Hah!

Dear Mr. Connolly: Why aren't Dinah Shore, Jane Wyman, June Allyson and Loretta Young going to have their own shows on TV next season? — Courtney French, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Courtney: The American home is a TV matriarchy, according to the network nabobs. They claim the ladies don't like to watch other ladies on TV. They say the ladies prefer Dick Chamberlain and Vince Edwards. And the rest of the family has to like what they like.

Dear Mr. Connolly: How's Peter O'Toole's popularity rating since he lost out on the Oscar? Has it hurt him much?

—Marie Lamartine, Ardmore, Pa.

Dear Marie: I'll tell you how much it's hurt him. Hal Wallis is paying him \$500,000 plus a percentage of the profits to costar with Richard Burton in "Becket."

Dear Sir: Do many of the Hollywood stars ever wear wigs and which one has the most? — Louise Feighner, Paramount, Calif.

Dear Louise: I took a poll of the town's top female dolls just for you. Debbie Reynolds has the most.

Dear Mike: How many children does Arlene Dahl have? —

Tex Burns, East Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Tex: Two. A son by former husband Fernando Lamas and a baby daughter by her present spouse, Christian Holmes.

Dear Mike: Does Joey Bishop ever smile? — Kurt Zeller, Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Kurt: Yes, on the way to the bank.

Dear Mr. Connolly: What ever happened to Lex Barker? — Charlotte McGaw, Minneapolis, Kan.

Dear Charlotte: He's living

and making films in Europe.

Dear Sir: We watch the reruns of the "Shannon" shows on TV. Is George Nader doing another series? — Geraldine Matthes, Silver City, N.C.

Dear Geraldine: George is in Manila making five movies for Medallion Films.

Dear Mr. Connolly: I think Edmond O'Brien did a terrific job in "Sam Benedict" on television and we are quite interested. We have been informed that this show (and a very good one) is leaving very soon. Will he make any more movies and will he be doing any more TV shows? How old is he? Mar-

ried? Children? Does he live in Movieland. He reminds me of a young and handsome Humphrey Bogart. — Lucille Mason, Sausalito, Calif.

Dear Lucille: The series is kaput, in truth, but O'Brien is now busily engaged in shooting "Seven Days in May" with Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas. He will be 48 on Sept. 15th. He is divorced from Nancy Kelly. He has been married to Olga San Juan since 1948. He lives in Hollywood and has three children by Olga — Bridget, Maria and Brendan.

(Mike Connolly welcomes all readers' questions, but due to the large volume of mail received, it may be some time before the answer to your question appears in his column.)



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